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OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

TOWN CLERK, SCHOOL BOARD
AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

TOWN OF GROTON

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1900

BRISTOL, N. H.
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1900

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, JOHN E. MUZZEY, MARK B. KIDDER, CHARLIE D. JEWELL

Town clerk, WILLARD H. HUNKINS

Treasurer, DANIEL KIDDER

Collector, JOHN N. KINNE

Supervisors, OLIVER T. KIDDER, JEROME D. L. HALL, LEROY E. ESTY

Librarian, BARRON S. KINNE

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1899

Resident valuation, land and buildings	$56,930 00
Non-resident	20,132 00
Polls, 91	9,100 00
Horses, 127	3,376 00
Oxen, 19	1,020 00
Cows, 170	2,836 00
Neat stock, 71	1,158 00
Sheep, 222	596 00
Mills and machinery	3,600 00
Stock in trade	2,750 00
	$101,498 00

Per cent. on the dollar for all purposes, .0273
" highway tax, .0075

The selectmen of the town of Groton for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900, charge themselves with cash received as follows:

Amount committed to collector	$2,767 50
Received of J. W. Burley for G. D. Spalding place	56 46
County, paupers	173 81
Jesse Reed, support Bertha Jewell	9 75
Savings Bank tax	146 65
Literary fund	51 30
State school fund	229 69
Geo. E. Colburn, school books sold	1 00
Ira Cummings, highway money overdrawn	3 75

Received on conditional notes	$210 92
Of Daniel Kidder, treasurer, '98	906 84
Town clerk, dog license	40 80
J. N. Kinne, collector, '95	2 75
" " '96	9 61
" " '97	26 82
" " '98	703 30
	$5,340 95

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Jennie M. Muzzey, school money	$478 60
" " school-house repairs	75 00
W. H. Allen, county tax	219 33
Solon A. Carter, state tax	225 25
	$998 18

REPORT OF DANIEL H. POWERS, ROAD AGENT, SPRING 1899

Paid A. L. Crosby estate, work on road	$1 74
Alfred St. Peter, "	3 64
W. H. Hunkins, "	8 25
C. H. Tenney, "	3 25
G. E. Colburn, "	4 50
D. H. Powers, "	7 34
Fred Remick, "	56
C. E. Mathews, "	87
John H. Brown, "	1 37
Kidder & Mathews, "	75
	$32 27

REPORT OF J. S. KELLEY, ROAD AGENT
SPRING 1899

Paid:

J. S. Kelley,	work on road	$11 56
Josiah Wheet,	"	16 92
Lafayette Wheet,	"	62
J. D. L. Hall,	"	1 05
E. O. Pierce	"	10 71
Albert Moses,	"	4 00
J. H. Pillsbury,	"	3 50
D. Kidder & Son,	work on road	4 17
Ira Cummings,	"	7 62
Cyrus Blood,	"	1 50
Calvin Blanchard,	"	3 09
Joseph Chivelle,	"	1 87
William Allen,	"	4 49
H. H. Eastman,	"	3 75
C. G. Kidder,	"	3 90
D. G. Wells,	"	5 27
M. B. Kidder,	"	1 31
S. N. Kinne,	"	3 44
J. N. Kinne,	"	2 05
Alfred Hall,	"	2 37
O. T. Kidder,	"	1 80
C. A. Davis,	"	2 79
B. S. Kinne,	"	3 56
Fred C. Hall,	"	15 84
Warren A. Elliott,	"	7 87
Poitras Brothers,	"	3 25
Emory P. Bacon,	"	14 74
		$143 04

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS PAID FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS

District No. 1,	P. M. Plumer, surveyor	$134 84
2,	Ira Wheeler, "	49 21
3,	John H. Brown, "	65 99
4,	Walter S. Brown, "	34 44
5,	Oliver T. Kidder, "	54 95
6,	J. S. Kelley, "	104 18
7,	Ira Cummings, "	86 71
8,	Josiah Wheet, "	63 46
9,	C. G. Kidder, "	20 28
10,	D. G. Wells, "	32 73
11,	W. A. Colburn, "	12 99
12,	H. H. Eastman, "	13 92
	Geo. C. Craig, Groton Hollow road	38 93
	J. W. Burley, A. W. Wheet road	5 20
		$717 83

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid:

E. C. Eastman, town supplies	$13 90
A. S. Russell, reporting deaths	50
L. W. Fling, council fees	3 00
Mary E. Cross, reporting births	50
D. Kidder, taking affidavit	1 00
J. N. Kinne, making deeds	50
Geo. H. Kendall, recording deeds	1 04
Josiah Wheet, library appropriation	15 00
J. E. Muzzey, board town officers	10 00
N. L. Jewell, notes paid	122 20
W. H. Hunkins, water tub	2 00
" obtaining names of children not returned on certificates	75

A. V. Doud, returning birth	$ 25
C. G. Kidder, water tub	2 00
M. B. Kidder, keeping tramp	1 00
Geo. E. Colburn, school books	2 21
" express on school supplies	1 90
B. S. Kinne, making deed	25
Cyrus Blood, care town house	3 00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports	20 00
D. Kidder, police badge	1 00
D. Kidder & Son, sheep killed by dogs	2 00
A. C. Pollard, Board Health burying horse	3 00
E. E. Babb & Co., school supplies	29 20
Ginn & Co., "	14 16
F. W. Sanborn, "	3 34
D. Kidder, running town line	3 50
Frank Kidder, running town line	75
	$257 95

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Paid:

Daniel Kidder, treasurer	$25 00
" moderator	1 50
M. B. Kidder, supervisor	3 00
C. D. Jewell, "	2 00
J. D. L. Hall, "	3 00
Geo. E. Colburn, school board	15 50
Josiah Wheet, "	10 50
Josiah Wheet, district clerk	1 50
Jennie M. Muzzey, district treasurer	5 00
J. N. Kinne, collector 1899	45 00
" 1895 and 1896	39
W. H. Hunkins, town clerk	15 00
B. S. Kinne, librarian	2 50

Oliver T. Kidder, police	$2 50
" truant officer	2 50
S. N. Kinne, board health	5 00
C. D. Jewell, selectman	27 25
M. B. Kidder, "	30 50
J. E. Muzzey, "	37 80
L. M. Muzzey, assistant librarian	3 00
Burley and Brown, auditors	3 00
	$241 44

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS

MARTHA M. HAZELTON

Paid :

Joseph C. Cilley, board	$27 50	
Ira Wheeler "	27 50	
Ellen G. Blodgett, board	10 00	
		$65 00

ROBERT IRVING

Paid :

E. G. Sprague, M. D. services	$8 25

NELLIE FROST

Paid :

Ira M. Abbott, goods	$1 50	
A. D. Muchmore, M. D. services	2 50	
		$4 00

OSCAR P. KENDALL

Paid :

Geo. A. Robie for casket, box and robe	$19 50

TOWN PAUPER BILLS

ALICE M. JEWELL AND CHILDREN

Paid :		
H. C. Phillips, board	$119 00	
J. E. Muzzey "	24 50	
		$143 50
Total amount pauper bills		$240 25

ABATEMENTS

For 1896:	
Albert McLaughlin	$1 00
Charles Thibedeau	3 24
For 1897:	
C. E. Mathews	42
Charles Hobbs, poll	2 80
N. B. Pero, "	2 80
Lottie Reynolds	45
Charles Thibedeau, poll	2 80
For 1898:	
Charles Hobbs, poll	2 80
N. B. Pero, poll	2 80
Lottie Reynolds	67
William A. Cilley	5 21
Shedrick Remick, poll	2 80
John W. Smith, poll	2 80
Sam Belangee, poll	2 80
For 1899:	
F. E. Belden Mica Co., on mills and machinery	21 79
Amount of abatements	$55 18

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received by selectmen	$5,340 95
Paid:	
Miscellaneous bills	$257 95
J. S. Kelley, road agent 1898	143 04
D. H. Powers, "	32 27
Abatements	55 18
Highway surveyors	717 83
Pauper bills	240 25
Town officers' bills	241 44
Disbursements	998 18
Collector sale 1899	28 72
In hands treasurer 1899	1,935 17
collector 1899	690 92
	$5,340 95

LIABILITIES OF TOWN FEB. 15, 1900

Due:	
Joanna Colburn, note	$138 00
C. G. Kidder, "	343 63
J. N. Kinne, "	75 14
Roxanna W. Leavitt, "	599 60
Ada Kidder, "	119 89
N. L. Jewell, "	1,709 21
	$2,985 47

ASSETS OF TOWN OF GROTON, FEB. 15, 1900

Due from J. N. Kinne, collector, '97	$9 52
" " " '98	32 00
" " " '99	690 92
A. A. Hall "	4 79

Due from Daniel Kidder, treasurer, '99	$1,935 17
County	30 75
Conditional notes	278 90
Road machine	50 00
Town safe	220 00
	$3,252 05
Liabilities of town Feb. 15, 1900	2,985 47
Balance in favor of town	$266 58

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. MUZZEY,
MARK B. KIDDER,
CHARLIE D. JEWELL,
} Selectmen of Groton.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSEPH W. BURLEY,
JOHN H. BROWN,
} Auditors.

Feb. 23, 1900.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received of treasurer, '98		$906 84
Selectmen		883 33
Town clerk, dog license		40 80
John N. Kinne, collector,	'95	2 75
" "	'96	9 61
" "	'97	26 82
" "	'98	703 30
" "	'99	2,076 58
		$4,650 03
Paid orders of selectmen, 1 to 164 inclusive		2,714 86
Balance in hands of treasurer		1,935 17
		$4,650 03

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL KIDDER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing account and found it correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. W. BURLEY,
J. H. BROWN, } Auditors.

LIBRARY REPORT

1899:

Books in circulation Feb 15, 1900	749
Patrons during the year	77
Books read	821
New books added	30

B. S. KINNE, Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1899		$1 65
1899:		
	Received from fines	32
Oct. 7,	" town	15 00
		$16 97
Paid:		
Oct. 27,	Parker Blood for books	$16 50
	Supplies	05
1900:		
Feb. 15,	Cash in treasury	42
		$16 97

JOSIAH WHEET, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

In conformity to the requirements of law, the undersigned present a brief statement of the workings of our schools for the year now closing, with some suggestions that seem pertinent at the present time.

There have been maintained schools in five districts, two terms each, during the year. While most of these schools have been quite successful and satisfactory, others have not attained that standard of excellence which is desirable.

The teachers' position is one of a delicate nature and their duties are at times somewhat trying and arduous. Therefore, to obtain the best results in our schools, teachers need the sympathy and hearty co-operation of parents and other friends of education. There should ever exist a cordial, good feeling between teachers and citizens, and this cordiality helps to bring pupils into more confidential relation with teachers.

There needs to be an awakening in the minds of some of our schclars, and, as a means of accomplishing this end, we would respectfully suggest that parents interest themselves so much in the educational welfare of their children as to know that they are punctual and constant in attendance upon all the sessions of the school, and whether or not they are making commendable progress in their studies.

The registers show that some, quite too many, of our scholars are late in entering school in the morning, or perhaps they are absent from the entire school sessions of the day. Irregularity of attendance, whether the result

of tardiness or absenteeism, is an evil not to be lightly considered as both work detriment, not to those only whose attendance is irregular, but to the whole school. A law known as the truant law requires the attendance in school of all children between the ages of 6 and 16 years. The best and surest way of complying with the conditions of this law is for the legal guardians of the children to execute its provisions through the force of parental discipline.

The last legislature passed a law giving State aid to small towns, complying with its provisions, one requirement being that such towns maintain at least twenty weeks of school throughout the town each year. Under its provisions Groton has already received $229. The law contemplates a wise and judicious use of this generous aid.

In closing let us say a few words to the scholars respecting their scholarship and deportment: Your teachers will be helpful to you while you do your duty but you must not expect them to learn your lessons for you. Some teachers will interest you more than others, but, after all, we find that the students who succeed best are those who interest themselves most in their studies. It is the duty of the teacher to instruct and govern, but neither of these duties can be effectually performed without your willingness to be taught and governed. You must do your own studying and, so far as in you lies, your own governing, always conforming to the rules and requirements of the school. You should realize that there is a great responsibility resting upon you and that you have it in your power greatly to aid or retard your own progress.

We do not find so many names upon the Roll of Perfect Attendance as we would like to see. You are probably aware that the condition requisite for your names to appear upon the roll is that you be present in school during every

half day of the term without being tardy. Will you see to it, scholars, that this Roll of Honor is greatly increased in the coming year?

We wish to impress upon you the importance of greater care in the use of school books furnished you. You should remember that they are not yours but are loaned to you for your use, and that you should keep them in a condition creditable to yourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. COLBURN, } School
JOSIAH WHEET, } Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

ONE TERM. Celia Kidder, Eliza Kidder, Bernice Wheet, Gertrude Kinne, Charles Pierce, Sadie Matthews, Henry Blodgett, Frankie E. Butterfield, Edward G. Butterfield, Joseph W. Cilley, Luvellia A. Plumer.

TWO TERMS. Alice E. Clark, Cyrus G. Clark, Cora Cummings, Clara Pierce, Bessie Duncklee, Hubert Duncklee, Lee Wheet, Lewis Pierce, Mina Celley, Lura E. Butterfield, Carroll M. Plumer, Rilla M. Butterfield, Amy V. Robie, Garland D. Tenney.

STATISTICAL TABLE

No. of District	Term of School.	Name of Teacher	No. of Weeks	No. of Pupils	Average Daily Attendance	No. of Pupils Not Absent	Instances of Tardiness	Visits by Superintendent	Visits by Citizens and Others	Wages of Teacher per month including board
2	1	Katie B. Foster	8	10	9	2	0	2	11	$18.00
2	2	"	12	12	10	2	10	2	19	18.00
4	1	Meta M. Moses	8	26	22	10	24	3	19	22.00
4	2	"	12	26	22	7	21	2	16	22.00
8	1	Ada L. Leathe	8	13	11	0	37	3	14	18.00
8	2	Marion W. Smith	10	15	12	1	33	2	2	18.80
9	1	Hattie B. Ball	7	15	12	2	11	2	1	19.00
9	2	Lydia B. Rounds	12	15				2		20.66
10	1	Alice B. Johnson	5	14	13	8	0	2	6	18.00
10	2	Anne M. Hurd	12	19	12	6	19	2	10	18.66

Number of scholars attending school not less than two weeks, 88.

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1898

RECEIVED

C. A. Kelley, treasurer 1898	$74 76
D. Kidder, town treasurer	478 60
Town Dorchester, tuition	15 00
	$568 36

PAID

Hattie B. Ball, teaching No. 9	$19 80
Ada L. Leath, " 8	24 00
Geo. E. Colburn, board 8	12 00
Alice B. Johnson, teaching and board No. 10	22 50
Meta M. Moses, terching No. 4	32 00
Katie B. Foster, " 2	24 00
C. A Kelley, board 4	12 00
Agnes D. Annis, " 2	12 00
J. D. L. Hall, cleaning and repairs No. 2	2 00
Eda Moses, boarding Mamie Moses	9 00
J. C. Cilley, board No. 9	11 08
C. G. Kidder, wood, etc., No. 2	3 85
Marion W. Smith, teaching No. 8	32 00
Annie M. Hurd, " 10	40 00
Lydia B. Rounds " 9	40 00
G. E. Colburn, board 8	15 00
L. M. Muzzey, " 9	22 00
C. A. Kelley, " 4	18 00
Meta M. Moses, teaching 4	48 00

Eda Moses, boarding Mamie Moses	$11 00
Katie B. Foster, teaching and board No. 2	54 00
H. H. Eastman, conveying scholars to Rumney	20 00
Anna Butterfield, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
R. C. Dunbar, wood and board furnished	28 23
Town of Dorchester, tuition	14 25
" Rumney "	12 00
G. E. Colburn, supplies furnished	60
Josiah Wheet, "	2 60
	$542 91
Cash in hands treasurer Feb. 15, 1900	25 45
	$568 36

FOR REPAIRS OF SCHOOLHOUSES

Received from town treasurer	$75 00
Paid :	
Kidder and Mathews, work shingling	$20 60
G. E. Colburn, shingles and nails	8 68
Ira A. Chase, 15 1-4 M shingles	30 50
J. D. L. Hall, work and lumber in No. 2	3 00
	$62 78
Cash in hands treasurer Feb. 15, 1900	12 22
	$75 00

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE M. MUZZEY, Treasurer.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. W. BURLEY,
JOHN H. BROWN, } Auditors.

Births Registered in the Town of Groton, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Apr. 2	Fletcher S.....	M	Living...	3	All Wh't	James A. Paris....	Effie J. Dodge.....	All Wh't	Groton.....	Farmer	St. John, N. B.	Littleton.....	34	22
7		F	Stillborn.	9		Frank Gurney.....	MinervaN.Stephens		"	Painter....	Newb'ryp'rt, Ms	W.Newb'ry, Ms.	59	41
July 21	Lillian M.....	F	Living...	1		Alfred A. Remick..	Flora B. Gurney....		"	Farmer...	Groton.....	Amesbury, Ms.	24	17
Apr. 14	Earl Morris....	M	"	4		Lester W. Cross....	Addie M. Getchell		"	Engineer.....	Franklin.....	Barre, V	31	22

Marriages Registered in the Town of Groton, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr. 12	Groton.....	Alfred A. Remick..	Groton.....	24		Farmer	Groton.....	Wadsworth Remick.	Groton.....	Farmer	1	Rev. J. A. Wright,
								Ursula Remick.....	"	Housekeeper.		
		Flora B. Gurney...	"	17		Housekeeper.	Amesbury, M.	Frank Gurney.....	Newb'ryp'rt, Ms	Paint r.....	1	Rumney
								Minerva N. Gurney..	W. Newb'ry, Ms	Housewife ...		
May 24	"	Walter S. Brown...	"	26	All White	Farmer	Groton.....	John H. Brown.....	Andover.....	Farmer	1	Rev.J.M.Cleveland,
								Almaretta G. Brown..	Groton.....	Housekeeper.		
		Katie E. Lary.....	Canaan.....	22		Dressmaker..	Canaan.....	Joseph C. Lary.....	Canaan.....	Farmer	1	Canaan
								Francis M. Lary.....	W.B'rkshire, Vt	Housekeeper.		
July 7	"	Oliver T. Kidder...	Groton.	26		Farmer	Groton..... ..	Mark B. Kidder.....	Groton.....	Farmer	1	Rev. J. A. Wright,
								Louisa B. Kidder....	Exeter			
		Lura M. True.....	Lewiston, Me.	21		Housekeeper.	Lewiston, Me	Edward M. True.....		Farmer	1	Rumney
								Josephine L. True...		Housekeeper.		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Groton, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
Feb. 2	Abel L. Crosby....	82	11	24	Groton.....	M	All White	M	Farmer	Hebron.....	Groton	William Crosby....	Sarah Noyes.....	Pneumonia.....
June 9	Fred H. Willoughby	..	6	25	"	M		...		Groton.....	Union, Me....	Horace Willoughby	Mary E. Howard...	Gastritis.....
July 4	Mary A. Hunkins..	29	11	15	Hebron	F		M	Housewife..	Groton.....	Groton.	David P. Hardy....	Diantha Fox.....	Pneumo Thorax....
Oct. 5	Emma Bellevaunce	35	..	..	Lyster, Can..	F		M	Housewife..	Lyster, Canada	Lyster, Canada	Fordina Parmolo...	Dilina Dojon..... ..	Heart Failure
Dec. 21	Oscar P. Kendall...	27	3	15	Groton.....	M		S	Farmer	Hebron.....	Orange.....	Oscar R. Kendall...	E. R. Plummer.....	Appoplexy.....

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLARD H. HUNKINS, Town Clerk.